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BY-LAWS

OF THE

TORONTO CURLING & SKATING CLUB

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(BETWEEN JOHN AND PETER STREETS.)

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OF THE

TORONTO CURLING CLUB

HON. D. L. MACPHERSON, *Patron.*
HON. MRS. D. L. MACPHERSON, *Patroness.*
THOS. McGAW, *President.*
CAPT. C. PERRY, *First Vice-President.*
ANGUS MORRISON, *Second Vice-President.*
DAVID WALKER, *Secretary-Treasurer.*
REV. DR. JENNINGS AND REV. DR. BARCLAY, *Chaplains.*

Managing Committee:

G. P. SHEARS, D. FORBES AND D. WALKER.

Skips:

CAPT. PERRY, D. FORBES, J. O. HEWARD, G. P. SHEARS, JOHN RIDDELL AND J. S. RUSSELL.

Board of Directors

TORONTO CURLING AND SKATING CLUB:

THOS. McGAW, *President.*

JOHN GORDON. JOHN RIDDELL. ANGUS MORRISON.
G. P. SHEARS. J. O. HEWARD. JOSEPH STOVEL.

DAVID WALKER, *Secretary.*

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OF THE

Toronto Curling and Skating Club.

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ADOPTED BY THE PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS OF THE SAID CLUB AT A MEETING HELD AT THE WALKER HOUSE, IN THE CITY OF TORONTO, ON THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 1874.

WHEREAS, by the "Ontario Joint Stock Companies Letters Patent Act of 1874," "37 Vict. Cap. 35," the said Toronto Curling and Skating Club was incorporated, and by the seventh section of Letters Patent incorporating the said Club, the Provisional Directors were authorized from time to time to pass such rules, regulations and by-laws as may be deemed expedient:

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient that rules and by-laws should be adopted so as to regulate the proceedings of the Directors' and shareholders' meetings, from time to time, as well touching the management and disposition of the stock, property, estate and effects of the said Club, as well the duties of its officers, clerks, and servants, their appointments, wages, and salaries, and also such other matters and things as shall apper-

tain to the business of the said Board of Directors; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the following By-Laws shall be henceforth adopted for the use and guidance of the Board of Directors:

1. The annual meetings of the shareholders of the said Club shall be held in the City of Toronto, on the second Monday in the month of May in each year, and the ordinary meetings of the Directors shall be held at such times and places as they may arrange by a resolution of the Board.

2. Special general meetings of the shareholders of the said Club may be held at such places in the City of Toronto as the President and Directors may determine upon, but no such special meeting shall be held until at least ten shareholders shall by requisition in writing, expressing their objects therefor, and directed to the President requesting such a meeting to be called.

3. The President and Directors shall hold their meetings at the Walker House, in the said city, or at any other place where the Directors may deem it advisable.

4. That at all meetings of the Directors regularly summoned by letter, three shall be a quorum, and shall be competent to exercise and use all and every of the powers vested in them.

5. The Club shall be managed by a Board of Directors, who shall be nine in number, one of whom may be appointed Secretary and Treasurer. The Directors must be shareholders, holding at all

times during their office not less than two hundred and fifty dollars worth of the capital stock in the Club. In the event of any vacancy in the Board, the remaining Directors shall fill such vacancy after such vacancy has occurred.

6. The election of Directors shall take place yearly, all the members of the Board retiring, (if otherwise qualified being eligible for re-election,) and the election shall be by ballot.

7. The Directors shall choose a President from amongst their number. The President shall preside as chairman at every meeting of the Club; but if at any meeting he is not present at the time of holding the same, then, in that case, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of such meeting.

8. Stock calls may be made by the Directors from time to time, as they shall see fit, at intervals of not less than thirty days; provided that no calls shall be made at any one time of more than ten per centum of the amount subscribed by each shareholder.

9. All shareholders, whether residents in the Dominion of Canada or elsewhere, may vote by proxy if they see fit; provided such proxy produce from his constituent, as appointment, in writing, under his seal, in words to this effect:

I..... of the..... of.....do hereby appoint..... ....of the.....to be my proxy, and in my absence to vote as to give my assent to any business matter or thing relating to the said undertaking

that may be maintained or proposed at any meeting of the shareholders of the said Club, or any of them, or such measure as he the said.....thinks proper.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the.....day of.....in the year.....

10. Every shareholder of one or more shares of the said capital stock, shall at all meetings of the shareholders be entitled to one vote for every share held by him; provided that no shareholder shal be entitled to more than fifty votes at any meeting, notwithstanding the amount of shares held by him, and no shareholder shall be entitled to vote in any matter whatever, unless all calls due on the stock held by him shall have been paid up at least one week before the day appointed for such meeting.

11. The President, with the advice of the Directors, shall, from time to time, have power to appoint such and as many officers, clerks, and servants as may be deemed necessary for the proper working and carrying on the business of the said Club in all its branches, and to suspend them from their respective offices for dereliction of duty, or other causes, reporting such suspension as soon as practicable, in writing, to said Directors for their approval or otherwise.

12. The Directors shall appoint a person who shall hold the office of Secretary and Treasurer; and his duties shall be to give proper notices of all meetings of the shareholders and Directors, to attend all meetings, and keep a proper record of all proceedings and votes taken, and of all business

transacted. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Club, keeping copies of all letters sent out, and file those received, which he shall at all times produce when called for by the Directors; register and countersign all documents, contracts and certificates of stock; he shall alphabetically arrange all persons who are or have been shareholders, the number of shares held by each shareholder, the address and calling of each shareholder, the amount paid in and remaining unpaid respectively on the stock of each shareholder; keep a record of all transfers of stock in their order, with dates and other particulars of each transfer, cancel and carefully preserve all certificates of stock transferred; he shall be the custodian of the seal and all other chattel properties of the Club, as well as all contracts, leases, agreements, and all documents and papers belonging to the Club; he shall have charge of all the books and accounts of the said Club; he shall be empowered to receive all monies, and shall pay all monies by cheque, signed by the President, or, in his absence, by two of the Directors, and by him countersigned, and whose receipt for monies shall be a sufficient discharge. All receipts and disbursements, when the latter shall exceed $10, shall pass through the bank account, and the Secretary and Treasurer shall deposit all monies he shall receive on account of the said Club when the same shall amount to twenty-five dollars. He shall keep his accounts in a clear and legible manner, in proper books to be

provided by the Club for that purpose, which books shall be the property of the Club; and before entering upon the duties of his office he shall, "if required," give security satisfactory to the Directors.

13. At every meeting of the Board of Directors the President shall, with the consent of the Directors present, sign the minutes of the last meeting, which will also be countersigned by the Secretary and Treasurer, and immediately afterwards the Secretary and Treasurer's and Banker's books shall be produced and inspected, and the amount received and paid shall be deducted, and the balance remaining in the Secretary and Treasurer and Banker's hands shall be entered in the minute book.

14. Two Auditors shall be appointed by the shareholders at the annual general meetings of the Club, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit the accounts and books, and all documents bearing on the finances of the Club; they shall certify and submit a full and detailed statement of the affairs of the said Club, on the second Monday of April in each year, which will be deemed to be the financial year, and to the shareholders at their annual general meetings; the Auditors to be paid such sums, for such services, as the shareholders, at the annual meetings, may determine.

15. The corporate seal of the Club shall be such as the Directors may, by resolution, adopt.

16. A list of the shareholders, with the respective

number of shares they hold, shall be placed on the table at all meetings called for the election of Directors.

These By-Laws shall only be in force until the next general meeting of the shareholders, and to be submitted for their approval, and which said By-Laws may be amended, extended, or altered by the said Directors.

FURTHER BY-LAWS.

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AND, WHEREAS, it is also necessary and expedient to adopt further by-laws to regulate the management of the games of curling and skating on the rinks and ice belonging to the Club; therefore, be it

Resolved, That, for the purposes aforesaid, the following By-Laws shall henceforth be adopted, and shall remain in force until the next annual meeting of the shareholders of the Club:

1. The curling and skating, and all matters and things belonging to the same, shall be managed by three members of the Club, who shall be called a Committee of Management, and they shall be annually elected by the members of the Club.

2. The members of the Club may, annually, elect amongst their number one skip for every ten members of the Club, or fraction thereof, and two representative members.

3. The President of the Provisional Directors for the time being, and the Presidents to be hereafter annually elected by the stock Directors, shall preside at all meetings of the members of the Club, and for the calling of all meetings as may be required; and, in his absence, one of the qualified Stock Directors, who shall be nominated by the members present, shall assume his duties; he shall have the casting vote at all equal divisions, and shall see that the rules of order and by-laws are strictly adhered to.

4. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Provisional Directors, for the time being, and the Secretary and Treasurer, to be hereafter annually elected by the Stock Directors, shall keep a correct record of all meetings, and all matches played; of all business transacted during the season, and shall report the same to the annual meeting; he shall also keep a correct and distinct account of the receipts and disbursements of the Club members, and report the same, from time to time, to the Directors of the Club, as well as at the annual meetings of the members.

5. The annual general meetings of the members of the Club for the election of Patrons, Chaplains, Managers, and Skips, and for the general transaction of all business, shall be held on the second Monday in May, nine members to form a quorum.

6. The regular meetings of the members of the Club shall be held on the second Monday of each month, from November until March, both included, for the admission of members, and for the general transaction of business; the hour of meeting to be at half-past seven o'clock, and at such place, from time to time, as the President may direct.

7. Special meetings of the members of the Club may be called by the President, at the request of any five members. Special meetings of the Managers and Skips may be called at any time by the President, or, in his absence, by the Secretary and Treasurer; three of whom shall form a quorum.

8. The Patron, Chaplain, Managers, Skips, and other officers elected at the annual meeting of the old Curling Club, in May last, shall continue to hold their offices, and perform the respective duties thereof, until the annual meeting of this Club, to be held in May next.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS, &c.

9. Any person wishing to become a member, may be proposed at any meeting of office-bearers, and be admitted at any following regular business meeting, or may be proposed and elected at the annual general meeting without any previous notice. Honorary Members may be elected forthwith at any regular meeting, if proposed at the previous regular meeting. Ballot shall be the mode of election used in all cases, one black ball for each five members present

shall exclude an applicant. Every person on being elected shall pay his annual subscription previous to his name being entered on the roll of members, and shall, as soon thereafter as possible, at his own expense, provide himself with a pair of curling stones, the same to be approved of by the Managing Committee.

10. Every member shall pay an annual fee of five dollars, payable to the Treasurer, on or before the third Friday in December, each year, for the ensuing curling season. If not paid by that day, he shall be debarred from playing in any Club matches thereafter, and if not paid by the first Friday in January next, he shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Club; provided, always, that the Managing Committee shall, from time to time, adopt a sliding scale of fees, payable by all parties and families, for admission to the skating grounds of the Club.

11. Any member may be expelled from the Club by a ballot vote of members present, at a meeting specially called for that purpose, the charge or charges having been preferred in writing against him at any previous meeting, the party so charged having received a copy of the said charge or charges from the Secretary, at least one week before the special meeting takes place. One black ball for every five members present shall expel the offending member.

ON THE ICE.

12. The Committee of Management to have full control of the Curling Rink, flooding, cleaning and

preparing the ice; also the furnishing of refreshments and entertaining visiting Clubs.

13. In all matches the play shall be governed by the Rules of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, as expressed in their last published annual, and no challenge shall be given or accepted without the consent of a majority of members present at a monthly meeting, or a special meeting of Managers and Office-bearers called for that purpose, and no game for money shall be allowed on any account whatever.

14. When a challenge has been given or accepted for a foreign match, the Secretary shall notify the regular Skips of the same, and appoint for them a time of meeting, where they shall decide among themselves, by drawing, or otherwise, which rink shall play in the coming match; should the regular Skips not be able to fill up enough of the regular rinks to play the number of rinks required for the match, the Secretary will then call on the volunteer Skips, with their rinks, to fill up the vacancies required, by drawing amongst themselves or otherwise.

15. The Skips elected by the Club, at the general annual meeting in May, are to have the privilege of selecting their players, and organizing their own rinks from amongst the members of the Club. They must report their rink as constituted, to the Secretary on or before the monthly meeting of December.

16. Any member connecting himself with other

three members (who have paid their annual subscription) may form a rink, and by notifying the Secretary to that effect, he shall record such member, with his players, as one of the volunteer rinks, who shall be entitled to play as such on Club days, also to the privileges prescribed in the foregoing section No. 14.

17. The Club days shall be Tuesday and Friday in each week during winter, on which days it is expected that every member of the Club will endeavor to be present on the ice for practice; the hour for commencing play shall be two o'clock, p.m., precisely. After any Rink is complete, no person shall be allowed to join in that game unless with the consent of the two Skips.

18. On Club days, the Skips for the season shall take the management for the day, but on other days of practice the first two members on the ice shall have the privilege of acting as Skips.

19. The expenses of luncheons furnished on the ice to foreign Clubs, also the cartage on curling stones for same, to be paid for out of the Club funds.

20. A Silver Medal shall be given annually by the Club, and to be competed for only by members, at points, and shall take place on the third Friday of December, at one o'clock, p.m., in each year. Should the ice or weather be (in the opinion of the umpire) unfavorable, the Committee of Management shall have the power to name some

other day, within a reasonable time, to have the competition brought off. Only those members who have paid their annual fees on or before the day of competition shall be allowed to compete. If the match shall have commenced, and each player shall have played for the first "points," after that no new comer shall be allowed to enter the match, except with the consent of every competitor present. The Medal shall be the gift of the Club, and belong to the member scoring the greatest number of points.

Rules of Order at Meetings.

21. I. Reading minutes of the preceding meeting, which, when approved of, shall be signed by the presiding officer.

II. Reading of correspondence.

III. Transacting of business arising out of the minutes.

IV. Reports of Committees.

V. Proposal and election of members.

VI. Payment of dues.

VII. Unfinished business.

VIII. New business.

IX. Adjournment.

22. All motions must be in writing, and shall contain the names of the mover and seconder, and must be read by the presiding officer before being

discussed. Notices of motion must also be in writing.

23. Reports of all committees must be in writing, signed by the chairman thereof.

24. No member shall speak on a subject more than once, except the introducer of the subject, who shall be entitled to reply. Every member, however, shall have the right of explanation, subject to the direction of the chair.

25. When a motion has been finally put to the meeting by the chairman, all discussion thereon shall be closed.

26. The meeting shall appoint scrutineers when a ballot is required.

27. Every member, while speaking, shall address the chair, and the members shall not interrupt the speaker by conversation or otherwise.

The above By-Laws having been read over, and carefully examined, it was moved by Mr. Angus Morrison, and seconded by Mr. John Riddell, that the same be adopted.

THOS. McGAW,
President of the Toronto Curling and Skating Club.

DAVID WALKER,
Secretary of the Toronto Curling and Skating Club.